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1. DURING MY AUGUST 15TH MEETING WITH UAE MINISTER OF STATE FOR
FOREIGN AFFAIRS RASHID ABDALLAH, THERE WAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW
AGAIN UAE ATTITUDES TOWARD PDRY. ABDALLAH SAID THIS HAD BEEN ONE
OF SUBJECTS THAT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WHEN HE HAD MET WITH
SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD IN TAIF ON AUGUST 9.
PURPOSE OF CONSULTATIONS WAS TO MAKE SURE THAT UAE POLICY
WAS CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH THAT OF SAUDIS. WHILE ABDHALLAH
DID NOT SAY SO, IT WAS CLAE THAT UAE WANTS AVOID KIND OF
PROBLEM IT HAD WITH SAUDIS RECENTLY WHENIAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH
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ZAYID AGREED MEET WITH PDRY MINISTER OF PLANNING ABD AL
WALI (REF B).

2. ABDALLAH SAID PRINCIPAL AND MOST URGENT DECISION AT MOMENT
FACING UAE WAS WHETHER TO FUND TEACHERS SALARIES FOR NEW
SCHOOL YEAR. WHILE KUWAITIS FELT THIS ACTIVITY SHOULD CONTINUE,
SAUDIS DID NOT AND HE EXPECTED UAE WOULD DECIDE TO TERMINATE

THIS FORM OF AID EVEN THOUGH KUWAITI ARGUMENT NOT TO CLOSE ALL DOORS TO PDRY STILL MADE SOME SENSE IF ARAB WORLD WERE EVER TO SUCCEED IN BRINGING PDRY BACK INTO ARAB FOLD. SAUDIS, ON OTHER HAND, WERE LOOKING TO SEE IF PDRY WOULD MAKE ANY GESTURE TO IMPROVE ITS RELATIONS WITH YAR AND OMAN. ABSENT

ANY INITIATIVE OF THIS KIND BY PDRY, SAUDIS FELT ALL ASSISTANCE FROM MODERATE ARABS SHOULD BE WITHHELD.

3. TO MY QUESTION WHETHER UAE FREEZING OF RELATIONS WITH PDRY WOULD ALSO APPLY TO REMITTANCES, HE SAID IT WOULD NOT. UAE WAS FREE ECONOMY WHERE THERE WAS FREE TRANSFER OF CAPITAL. RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON TRANSFERS ARE DIFFERENT TO ADMINISTER AND COULD EASILY BE CIRCUMVENTED BY HAVING TRANSFERS MADE THROUGH BANKS IN THIRD COUNTRIES.

4. ADHALLAH SAID UAE CONCURRED WITH GENERAL ASSESSMENT THAT PDRY'S MARZIST REGIME IS CURRENTLY AT MOMENT ON THE DEFENSIVE AND IS SPENDING ITS TIME CONSOLIDATING ITS POSITION BEFORE IT EMBARKS ON NEW POLITICAL ADVENTURISM AND SUBERSION. WHILE PDRY COULD EXPECT TO REMAIN A MAJOR NUISANCE FACTOR FOR PDRY AND OMAN, HE DID NOT SEE PDRY HAVING A MAJOR INDEPENDENT MILITARY CAPABILITY. HE BELIEVED PDRY MILITARY ADVENTURISM COULD ONLY COME IF SOVIET UNION AND ITS CUBAN
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SURROGATES SHOULD CONSCIOUSLY DECIDE TO USE PDRY AS A BASE OF MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST COUNTRIES IN THE PENINSULA WHICH WOULD THEN INJECT THE COLD WAR DIRECTLY INTO THE ARABIAN PENINSULA.
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